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Standing Etiquette

Generally, all brunettes will stand when a blonde enters a room or rises to leave. They will not be seated until she is.

An exception is when the blonde is notably younger or inferior in status. Obviously brunette ladies do not rise for maids. There is no obligation for a grown brunette to rise for a teenaged blonde. If she does, this is regarded as a compliment.

Blondes do not rise for brunettes unless they are superior in status; but they do return reverence to brunettes.

Teenagers should rise for all adults except in very informal circumstances.

All maidens should rise for their superiors - the Headmistress or Praefecta Morum of a college, for example.

When functions are "active" this will override some of the etiquette. In a teaching context for example, a brunette teacher will not rise for blonde pupils - though out of the classroom or seminar room (or informal teaching environment) she will. In this respect, as in all others, an active teacher becomes the superior even of the headmistress while the latter is *in statu pupillari*. If this seems confusing to some Tellurians, it should be understood that hierarchical superiority resides in the *function*, not in the person.

Similarly, if a blonde reports to the office of a brunette Headmistress, the Headmistress will not rise.

Pupils will rise when a mistress enters or leaves the room, but *not* if she is seated and stands up during the course of teaching (this would be disruptive). They rise and reverence when she first enters and when she dismisses them. If she enters or leaves during the course of the lesson, they rise only.

Brunette teenagers will rise for blonde teenagers. All teenagers will rise for teenagers in a superior position (prefects, et cetera).

Rising when a blonde or superior enters the room is accompanied by reverence. Reverence will be returned *except* when hierarchical functions are specifically active. A teacher does not reverence her pupils, for example. A mistress giving discipline does not reverence the maid she is disciplining.

Reverence is normally given in both directions because each reverences the Spirit in the other, but when hierarchical roles are active, the superior is specifically, through her obedience to her function, mediating the Spirit to her inferior.

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